

CAST THEM ON THE LORD.

CHRIST WILL HELP YOU BEAR YOUR HEAVY BURDENS.

Dr. Talmage Preaches an Eloquent Sermon That Appeals to the Business Man, the Invalid, the Mourner and to All Humanity.

BROOKLYN, June 7.—It is no new thing to the members of the Brooklyn Tabernacle church to have their pastor's eminence acknowledged by the outside world. But even they must have been gratified by the distinction conferred upon him since last Sunday. In listening to Dr. Talmage today, they were listening to the chaplain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, in which office he was formally installed with due ceremony on June 1. The organization, which is two hundred and fifty years old, and the lineal descendant of an English organization dating back to the beginning of the sixteenth century, has had many distinguished divines, chaplains, and the honor has always been highly appreciated. The subject of Dr. Talmage's sermon this morning was "The Burden Bearer," and his text Psalm iv, 22—"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."

THE SERMON. David was here taking his own medicine. If anybody had on him heavy weights, David had them, and yet out of his own experience he advises you and me as to the best way of getting rid of burdens. This is a world of burden bearing. Coming into the house of prayer there may be no sign of sadness or sorrow, but where is the man who has not a conflict? Where is the soul that has not a struggle? And there is not a day of all the year when my text is not gloriously appropriate, and there is never an audience assembled on the planet where the text does not fit the occasion: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." In the far east walls of water are so frequent that when a man owns a well he has a property of very great value, and sometimes battles have been fought for the possession of one well of water; but there is one well that every man owns—a deep well, a perennial well, a well of tears. If a man has not a burden on this shoulder, he has a burden on the other shoulder.

The day I left home to look after myself, in the wagon my father sat driving, and he said that day something which has kept with me all my life: "De Witt, it is always safe to trust God. I have many a time come to a crisis of difficulty. You may know that, having been sick for fifteen years, it was no easy thing for me to support a family; but always God came to the rescue. I remember the time," he said, "when I didn't know what to do, and I saw a man on horseback riding up the farm lane, and he announced to me that I had been nominated for the most lucrative office in the gift of the people of the county, and to that office I was elected, and God in that way met all my wants, and I tell you it is always safe to trust him."

Oh, my friends, what we want is a practical religion! The religion people have is so high up you cannot reach it. I had a friend who entered the life of an evangelist. He gave up a lucrative business in Chicago, and he and his wife finally came to severe wants. He told me that in the morning at prayers he said: "O Lord, thou knowest we have not a mouthful of food in the house! Help me; help us!" And he started out on the street, and a gentleman met him and said: "I have been thinking of you for a good while. You know I am a flour merchant; if you won't be offended, I should like to send you a barrel of flour."

My friend cast his burden on the Lord, and the Lord sustained him. In the Straits of Magellan, I have been told, there is a place where whichever way a captain puts his ship he finds the wind against him, and there are men who all their lives have been running in the teeth of the wind, and which way to turn they do not know. Some of them may be here this morning, and I address them face to face, not perfunctorily, but as one brother talks to another brother. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."

THE BUSINESS MAN'S BURDEN. First—There are a great many men who have business burdens. When we see a man hurried and perplexed and annoyed in business life we are apt to say, "He ought not to have attempted to carry so much." Ah, that man may not be to blame at all! When a man plants a business he does not know what will be its outgrowth, what will be its roots, what will be its branches. There is many a man with keen foresight and large business faculty who has been stung into the dust by unforeseen circumstances springing upon him from ambush. When to buy, when to sell, when to trust and to what amount of credit, what will be the effect of this new invention of machinery, what will be the effect of that loss of crop and a thousand other questions perplex business men until the hair is silvered and deep wrinkles are plowed in the cheek, and the stocks go up by the mountains and go down by the valleys, and they are at their wits' ends and stagger like drunken men.

There never has been a time when there have been such rivalries in business as now. It is hardware against hardware, books against books, chandlery against chandlery, imported articles against imported articles. A thousand stores in competition with another thousand stores. Never such advantage of lights, never such variety of appliances, never so much splendor of show window, never so much adroitness of salesmen, never so much acuteness of advertising, and amid all the severities of rivalry in business how many men break down! Oh, the burden on the shoulder! Oh, the burden on the heart! You hear that it is avarice which drives these men of business through the street, and that is the commonly accepted idea. I do not believe a word of it.

The vast multitude of these business men are looking on for others. To educate their children, to put the wings of protection over their households, to have something left so when they pass out of this life their wives and children will not have to go to the poorhouse—that is the way I translate this energy in the street and store—the vast majority of that energy. Grip, Gouge & Co. do not do all the business. Some of us remember when the Central America was coming home from California. It was wrecked. President Arthur's father-in-law was the heroic captain of that ship, and went down with most of the passengers.

Some of them got off into lifeboats, but there was a young man returning from California who had a bag of gold in his hand; and as the last boat shoved off from the ship that was to go down that man shouted to a comrade in the boat, "Here, John, catch this gold, there are \$5,000; take it home to my old mother; it will make her comfortable in her last days. Grip, Gouge & Co. do not do all the business of the world. Ah, my friend, do you

say that God does not care anything about your worldly business? I tell you God knows more about it than you do. He knows all your perplexities; he knows what mortgage is about to foreclose; he knows what note you cannot pay; he knows what unsalable goods you have on your shelves; he knows all your trials, from the day you took hold of the first yardstick down to the sale of the last yard of ribbon, and the God who helped David to be king, and who helped Daniel to be prime minister, and who helped Havelock to be a soldier, will help you to discharge all your duties. He is going to see you through. When loss comes, and you find your property going, just take this Book and put it down by your ledger, and read of the eternal possessions that will come to you through our Lord Jesus Christ. And when your business partner betrays you, and your friends turn against you, just take the inspiring letter, put it down on the table, put your Bible beside the insulting letter, and then read of the friend-ship of him who "sticketh closer than a brother."

THE LORD SUSTAINED HIM. A young accountant in New York city got his accounts entangled. He knew he was honest, and yet he could not make his accounts come out right, and he toiled at them day and night until he was nearly frenzied. It seemed by those books that something had been misappropriated, and he knew before God he was honest. The last day came. He knew if he could not that day make his accounts come out right he would go into disgrace and go into banishment from the business establishment. He went over there very early, before there was anybody in the place, and he knelt down at the desk and said: "Oh, Lord, thou knowest I have tried to be honest, but I cannot make these things come out right! Help me today—help me this morning!"

The young man arose and hardly knowing why he did so opened a book that lay on the desk, and there was a leaf containing a line of figures which explained everything. In other words, he cast his burden upon the Lord and the Lord sustained him. Young man, do you hear that? Oh, yes; God has a sympathy with anybody that is in any kind of toll! He knows how heavy is the load of bricks that the workman carries up the ladder of the wall; he hears the pickaxe of the miner down in the coal shaft; he knows how strong the tempest strikes the sailor at mast head; he sees the factory girl among the spindles and knows how her arms ache; he sees the sewing woman in the fourth story and knows how few pence she gets for making a garment; and louder than all the din and roar of the city comes the voice of a sympathetic God, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."

Second—There are a great many who have weight of persecution and abuse upon them. Sometimes society gets a grudge against a man. All his motives are misinterpreted, and his good deeds are depreciated. With more virtue than some of the honored and applauded, he runs only against railing and sharp criticism. When a man begins to go down he has not only the force of natural gravitation, but a hundred hands to help him in the precipitation. Men are persecuted for their virtues and their successes. Germanicus said he had just as many bitter antagonists as he had admirers. The character sometimes is so lustrous that the weak eyes of envy and jealousy cannot bear to look at it. It was their integrity that put Joseph in the pit, and Daniel in the den, and Shadrach in the fire, and sent John the Evangelist to desolate Patmos, and Calvin to the castle of persecution, and John Huss to the stake, and Korah after Moses, and Saul after David, and Herod after Christ. Be sure if you have anything to do for church or state, and you attend to it with all your soul, the lightning will strike you.

INTEGRITY ALWAYS BRINGS ABUSE. The world always has a cross between two thieves for the one who comes to save it. High and holy enterprise has always been followed by abuse. The most sublime tragedy of self sacrifice has come to burlesque. The graceful gait of virtue is always followed by grimace and travesty. The sweetest strain of poetry ever written has come to ridiculous parody, and as long as there are virtue and righteousness in the world, there will be something for iniquity to grin at. All along the line of the good and in all lands, the cry has been: "Not this man, but Barabbas. Now, Barabbas was a robber."

And what makes the persecutions of life worse is that they come from people whom you have helped, from those to whom you have loaned money or have started in business, or whom you rescued in some great crisis. I think it has been the history of all our lives—the most scintillating assault has come from those whom we have benefited, whom we have helped, and that makes it all the harder to bear. A man is in danger of becoming cynical.

A clergyman of the Universalist church went into a neighborhood for the establishment of a church of his denomination, and he was anxious to find some one of that denomination, and he was pointed to a certain house and went there. He said to the man of the house, "I understand you are a Universalist; I want you to help me in the enterprise." "Well," said the man, "I am a Universalist, but I have a peculiar kind of Universalism." "What is that?" asked the minister. "Well," replied the other, "I have been out in the world, and I have been cheated and slandered and outraged and abused until I believe in universal damnation!"

The great danger is that men will become cynical and given to believe, as David was tempted to say, that all men are liars. Oh, my friends, do not let that be the effect upon your souls! If you cannot endure a little persecution how do you think our fathers endured great persecution? Motley, in his "Dutch Republic," tells us of Egmont the martyr, who, condemned to be beheaded, unfastened his collar on the way to the scaffold; and when they asked him why he did that he said, "So they will not be detained in their work; I want to be ready." Oh, how little we have to endure compared with those who have gone before us!

BUDGE NOT ONE INCH. Now, if you have come across ill treatment, let me tell you you are in excellent company—Christ and Luther and Galileo and Columbus and John Jay and Josiah Quincy and thousands of men and women, the best spirits of earth and heaven. Budge not one inch, though all hell were upon you; your vengeance, and you be made a target for devils to shoot at. Do you not think Christ knows all about persecution? Was he not hanged? Was he not struck on the cheek? Was he not pursued all the days of his life? Did they not expectorate upon him? Or, to put it in Bible language, "They spit upon him." And cannot he understand what persecution is? "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."

Third—There are others who carry great burdens of physical ailments. When sudden sickness has come, and fierce cholera and malignant fevers take the castles of life by storm, we appeal to God; but in

these chronic ailments when wear out the strength day after day, and week after week, and year after year, how little resorting to God for solace! Then people depend upon their tonics and their plasters and their cordials rather than upon heavenly stimulants. Oh, how few people there are completely well! Some of you, by dint of perseverance and care, have kept living to this time; but how you have had to war against physical ailments! Antediluvians, without medical college and infirmary and apothecary shop, multiplied their years by hundreds; but he who has gone through the gantlet of disease in our time, and has come to seventy years of age, is a hero worthy of a palm.

THE BURDEN OF ILLNESS. The world seems to be a great hospital, and you run against rheumatisms and colds and neuralgias and sciaticas and neuritis and scores of old diseases baptized by new nomenclature. Oh, how heavy a burden sickness is! It takes the color out of the sky, and the sparkle out of the wave, and the sweetness out of the fruit and the luster out of the night. When the limbs ache, when the respiration is painful, when the mouth is hot, when the ear roars with unhealthy obstructions, how hard it is to be patient and cheerful and assiduous! "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." Does your head ache? His wore the thorn. Do your feet hurt? His were crushed of the spikes. Is your side painful? His was struck by the spear. Do you feel like giving way under the burden? His weakness gave way under a cross.

While you are in every possible way to try to restore your physical vigor, you are to remember that more soothing than any medicine, and more vitalizing than any stimulant is the prescription of the text: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." We hear a great deal of talk now about faith cure, and some people say it cannot be done and it is a failure. I do not know but that the chief advance of the church is to be in that direction. Marvelous things come to me day by day which make me think that if the age of miracles is past it is because the faith of miracles is past.

A prominent merchant of New York said to a member of my family, "My mother wants her case mentioned to Mr. Talmage." This was the case. He said: "My mother had a dreadful abscess, from which she had suffered untold agonies, and all surgery had been exhausted upon her, and worse and worse she grew until we called in a few Christian friends and proceeded to pray about it. We commended her case to God, and the abscess began immediately to be cured. It entirely well now, and without knife and without any surgery." So that case has come to me, and there are a score of other cases coming to our ears from all parts of the earth. Oh, ye who are sick, go to Christ! Oh, ye who are worn out with agonies of body, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee!"

THE BURDEN OF BEREAVEMENT. Another burden some have to carry is the burden of bereavement. Ah! these are the troubles that wear us out. If we lose our property, by additional industry perhaps we may bring back the estranged fortunes; if we lose our good name, perhaps by reformation of morals we may achieve again reputation for integrity; but who will bring back the dear departed? Alas! for these empty cradles and these trunks of childhood toys that will never be used again. Alas! for the empty chair and the silence in the halls that will never echo again to those familiar footsteps. Alas! for the cry of widowhood and orphanage. What bitter Marahs in the wilderness, what cities of the dead, what long black shadow from the wing of death, what eyes sunken with grief, what hands tremulous with bereavement, what instruments of music shut now because there are no fingers to play on them! Is there no relief for such souls? Aye, let the soul ride into the harbor of my text.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foe; That cry, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake. Now, the grave is brighter than the ancient tomb where the lights were perpetually kept burning. The scarred feet of him who was "the resurrection and the life" are on the broken grave hillock, while the voices of angels ring down the sky at the coronation of another soul come home to glory.

THE ONLY CURE FOR SIN. Then there are many who carry the burden of sin. Ah, we all carry it until in the appointed way that burden is lifted. We need no Bible to prove that the whole race is ruined. What a spectacle it would be if we could tear off the mask of human defilement, or beat a drum that would bring up the whole army of the world's transgressions—the deception, the fraud, and the rapine, and the murder, and the crime of all the centuries! Aye, if I could sound the trumpet of resurrection in the soul of the best men in this audience, and all the dead sires of the past should come up, we could not endure the sight. Sin, grim and dire, has put its clutch upon the immortal soul and that clutch will never relax unless it be under the heel of him who came to destroy the works of the devil.

Oh, to have a mountain of sin on the soul! Is there no way to have the burden moved? Oh, yes. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." The sinless one came to take the consequences of our sin! And I know he is in earnest. How do I know it? By the streaming temples and the streaming hands as he says, "Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Why will prodigals live on swine's hanks when the robe and the ring, and the father's welcome are ready? Why go wandering over the great Sahara desert of your sin when you are invited to the gardens of God, the trees of life and the fountains of living water? Why be homeless and homeless forever when you may become the sons and daughters of the Lord God Almighty?

Fashions in Fans. There are gauze fans of novel design, hand painted, with flights of butterflies, swallows and dragon flies, and studded at intervals with mock gems—diamonds, rubies, emeralds and the like. They glitter and look very brilliant by gaslight, and are comparatively inexpensive. A pretty fan of black gauze, called the "rising sun," is ornamented with graduated lines of gold. It would be just the thing to carry with a black and gold ball gown. Some young girls have their first name painted on their fans. One seen was in crape de Chine, with the word "Violet" painted in violets upon it. The flower fans are lovely, but very fragile. They generally copy the form and colors of a poppy or a rose.

She Knew What to Do. Amy—These newspaper articles on "What Shall We Do with Our Boys?" make me tired. Mabel—Me, too; every girl knows that the best thing to do with her boy is to marry him.—New York Epoch.



How to Clean Tinware. Apply common soda with a moisture newspaper and rub with a dry piece. The tinware will look like new after this treatment.

How to Prevent Corns. One of the chief causes of corns is the wearing of ill fitting shoes. To prevent their growth only one thing is necessary. Always purchase well fitting shoes and wear them in the house for a week or two, to accustom them to the shape of your feet, before putting them into general use.

How to Obtain a Passport. Send five dollars to the secretary of state, Washington. A blank will be sent to you, which you fill out and certify to before a justice of the peace or notary public and return to the secretary, who thereupon issues the passport. Every passport must be renewed within one year of its date. The oath of allegiance is required in all cases. When husband, wife and minor children travel together a single passport is all that is needed. A separate passport is required for any other person, except servants, in the party. On the Franco-Spanish frontier the possession of a passport is obligatory, and is likely to prove of great service elsewhere at any time.

How to Cut or Bore Glass. Any hard steel tooth will cut glass easily when kept wet with camphor dissolved in turpentine. A hole can be readily enlarged by a round file. The ragged edges of glass vessels can be smoothed by a flat file. In fact the most brittle glass can be wrought almost as easily as brass by the use of cutting tools kept wet with camphorated oil of turpentine.

How to Eat an Orange. Cut the orange in halves, longitudinally, with a sharp knife. Then insert the point of a teaspoon into each section and with a slight twist of the wrist dig out the juicy part, leaving the pulp. The best results are with the ripest oranges, for where they are slightly green it is more difficult to separate the substance from the pulp. Special orange spoons are quite the thing, and can be obtained at your jeweler's.

How to Change American Into Foreign Money. When about to leave the United States it is advisable to secure whatever foreign money you may need from a reputable exchange broker, of whom there are a number in every city. If you intend crossing the ocean you can often change greenbacks for English money to the amount of about \$100 on board the steamship. It is not prudent, however to trust to this chance, as there are frequently more demands on the purser than he is able to meet. Besides, the premium charged is usually higher than you would have to pay to the broker at the port of embarkation. American and English gold is readily exchanged in most foreign countries, but in England, if you depend upon the chance of the hour, a five dollar gold piece is often received at the rate of a sovereign, and in France it is not uncommon to have a sovereign received as a twenty franc piece. Both prudence and economy therefore, suggest dealing with the regular exchange brokers, who can be found in the vicinity of the railroad depots in most European cities.

How Grain Shrinks. From the time it is threshed, wheat will shrink two quarts to the bushel, or 6 per cent., in six months. Corn shrinks much more from the time it is first husked. One hundred bushels of ear will be reduced to about eighty in the same period.

How to Test Milk for Water. Thrust a dry, cool knitting needle deep in the milk and withdraw it slowly. If the milk has been watered as much as 5 per cent. scarcely a trace of its oil elements will adhere to the needle. If pure, the needle will be quite oily.

How to Clean Hair Brushes. Dissolve a little soda in warm water and add a little ammonia. Hold the brushes in it with the bristles downward and avoid wetting the back. Shake until the grease is removed, rinse in cold water and put in the air to dry.

How to Remove Stains. Rubbing with common salt will take egg stains from spoons. Fruit stains can be taken from the hands by washing them in clear water, drying slightly and holding them over the flame of a sulphur match while they are moist. Stains can be taken from linen by laying salt of wormwood on the parts when wet and rubbing.

How to Detect Death. If, when the hand of the supposed dead person be held toward a candle or other artificial light, with the fingers extended and touching each other, and one looks through the spaces between the fingers toward the light there appears a scarlet red color where the fingers touch each other, the person is still alive. The color is caused by the blood still circulating, showing itself through the tissues which have not yet congealed. When life is entirely extinct the phenomenon of scarlet space between the fingers at once ceases.

How to Dress a Shop Window. A window dresser can secure the best results by working along geometrical lines. To be the most attractive the goods on one side of a window should have the same shape as those on the other. Beauty of design can never be obtained by throwing a small selection of the stock into the window in a confused mass. The dresser should aim to work out some figure in his arrangement of the goods.

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